

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice DAP-24**

**For:** State and County Offices and RMA

**Revised Eligibility Instructions for Multi-Year CLDAP**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Overview**

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**Background**

New policy has been made regarding multi-year eligibility determinations that will impact County Office processing of multi-year losses. Under previous instructions, producers could qualify for benefits under the multi-year provisions if the producer received:

- crop insurance indemnity payments in at least 3 of the previous 5 crop years from 1994 through 1998
- payments from NAP in at least 3 of the previous 5 crop years from 1994 through 1998, including any 1994 ad hoc disaster payment of a noninsurable crop.

Payments under either of these programs could not be combined to meet the minimum 3 of 5-year requirement for compensated losses.

Under new policy, a producer is eligible for multi-year benefits if he or she received any combination of 3 years of payments under crop insurance, NAP, and 1994 ad hoc disaster.

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**Purpose**

This notice provides:

- new policy regarding eligibility determinations for multi-year CLDAP benefits
- FSA and RMA responsibilities for implementing this change.

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<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
January 1, 2000	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices; RMA

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### 2 Multi-Year CLDAP Eligibility Determinations

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#### A

##### Overview

To qualify for multi-year CLDAP benefits, a producer who received any combination of crop insurance indemnities, NAP payments, and 1994 ad hoc disaster payments in at least 3 of the previous 5 crop years from 1994 through 1998 is eligible. All 1994 ad hoc disaster payments will be included in determining producer eligibility and payment amounts regardless of whether the crop was insured, uninsured, or noninsurable.

The identification and notification process to producers meeting this new eligibility criteria will be jointly administered by FSA and RMA.

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#### B

##### RMA

##### Responsibilities

RMA shall:

- continue to make eligibility determinations by identifying producer ID numbers that meet the minimum 3 of 5-year loss requirements

**Note:** KCMO shall provide weekly NAP 1998 loss payment information to RMA to assist them in determining the minimum 3 out of 5 criteria.

- notify producers that meet the new eligibility requirements based on the 1994, NAP, and RMA data
  - provide FSA producer eligibility information for downloads to County Offices.
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##### KCMO

##### Responsibilities

KCMO shall:

- provide RMA with a file of all producers receiving NAP payments and all producers receiving 1994 ad hoc disaster benefits
  - download updated producer eligibility information to County Offices.
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### 2 Multi-Year CLDAP Eligibility Determinations (Continued)

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##### State and County Office Responsibilities

State and County Offices shall:

- publicize by all means necessary the new eligibility criteria
  - ensure that producers who otherwise were determined ineligible are afforded the opportunity to apply by COB April 9, 1999
  - because all 1994 ad hoc disaster payments will be included in the calculation of multi-year benefits, no longer need to make 1994 disaster payment determinations.
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##### Application Requirements

Producers with a multi-year CCC-540 already on file will not need to submit a new CCC-540.

Producers who have not previously applied for multi-year benefits must complete CCC-540 before COB April 9, 1999.

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##### End of Signup

Many questions have arisen regarding the extension of CLDAP signup. Every effort shall be made to ensure that producers apply for benefits before April 9, 1999.

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### 3 Affect on 1998 NAP Payments

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#### A

##### Overview

Many State and County Offices have not processed NAP area requests. With the new eligibility requirements, it becomes imperative that all 1998 NAP determinations and payments be made before the end of signup. Notice NAP-24, dated December 23, 1998, stated that NAP areas must be approved before the end of the CLDAP signup.

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##### Action

State and County Offices shall process all 1998 pending NAP area requests and payments to ensure that the most recent information is available to determine multi-year eligibility and accept applications.

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